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OCTOBER 5, 2018 BOARD MINUTES

(Approved 12/7/18)

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Michael Maynard	Chairman	✓	
Mr. William Salomaa	Secretary	✓	
Mr. Michael Celona	Vice Chairman		✓
Mr. Blake Lukis	Member	✓	
Mr. Dave Coppes	Member	✓	
NEWWA representative	Vacant		
Mass Labor representative	Vacant		
STAFF	POSITION		
Mr. James O'Connor	Board Counsel	✓	
DPL - Administrative Assistant	Administrative Assistant	✓	
Larry Lemieux	Executive Director	✓	

MEETING CALL TO ORDER at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman Maynard

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A Motion was made to accept the January 22, 2018; February 2, 2018; April 6, 2018; September 7, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes (with amendments) by Member Salomaa and 2nd by Member Lukis. Board Vote: – Unanimous.

TCH APPLICATIONS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Course ID No.</u>	<u># of TCHs</u>
Barnstable County Water	Sodium Hypochlorite Training	DWT-2018-52	2
Bay State Roads/UMass	Trenching and Excavating Safety	DWT-2018-53	6
Bay State Roads/UMass	OSHA 10 Hours	DWT-2018-54	10
Bay State Roads/UMass	Work Zone Safety	DWT-2018-55	2.5
Bay State Roads/UMass	Red Cross First Aid Cert.	DWT-2018-56	3
Bay state Roads/UMass	Flagger Cert. (Mass DOT)	DWT-2018-57	3
Bay State Roads/UMass	Confined Space Training	DWT-2018-58	6
NEWWA	Water Resources & Sustainability	DWT-2018-59	5
MassDEP	Chemical Addition Reporting	DWT-2018-60	3.5
Mass Fish & Game	Financing Sustainable Water	DWT-2018-61	4
Tata & Howard	ERP Training /Are you prepared?	DWT-2018-62	7
MassDEP	Resilience & Emergency Preparedness	DWT-2018-63	2.5



TEC APPLICATIONS/PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES

Lowell Water Utility - PWS ID#:3160000; Nikolas Luis Powers – T3 (Secondary operator)- Approved. Upon successful completion of Advance Treatment class (ends 11/20/18) the applicant will take the T3 exam and complete and submit the necessary application.

Canton Water Dept. PWS ID#:4050000; Renee Ruane – D3 (Primary operator) (Note: Incorrect candidate (Michael Trotta) was included on October Agenda. The correct candidate (Renee Ruane) has been approved.

EXTENSION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING APPLICATION 6 MONTHS WITHIN TEST RESULTS

Discussion: Applicant Chad Stephens, (Minuteman Vocational Technical High School student) has requested a waiver from the 6 month requirement. Mr. Stephens was unable to submit application due to the fact that he didn't have a Massachusetts Driver's License. Applicant waiver request was approved. A Motion was made to allow for the waiver of the 6 month requirement by Member Coppes and 2nd by Member Salomaa. Board Vote: – Unanimous.

REGULATION REVIEW

No review at this time

NEW BUSINESS

MWWA –Request to Approve MWWA Courses as “Certificate of Competency” MWWA Executive Director, Jen Pederson.

Discussion: Blake Lukis (MWWA representative on Board) asked Board Legal Counsel if he should recuse himself from the discussion. Counsel said it was not necessary.

Jen Pederson reviewed MWWA's request (letter to the Board dated 9/20/18) that the following (3) courses: Concepts and Practices of Drinking Water Distribution, Concepts and Practices of Basic Water Treatment and Concepts and Practices of Advanced Water Treatment Drinking Water Distribution be recognized as “Certificates of Competency” under Board's regulations 236 CMR 4.01 – Education and Experience Qualifications for Certification.

As defined by 236 CMR 2.03 “Certification of Competency means a certificate issued by an organization, institute or school which is recognized by the Board as being appropriate for the training of a public water system operator.”

Chairman Maynard circulated a list of approximately 29 Water Certification Programs from across the country. (Identified on <http://wateroperator.org/operator-training-programs>).

The impact of recognizing any of the classes as “Certificates of Competency” could reduce an applicant's required amount of operational experience required for a license by approximately (1) year.

Board agreed to review the request.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Licenses	Applied	Action Taken
Kimberly Abraham	D4	D4 -Full
Craig Armitstead	D1	D1- Full
Christopher Banks	D2	D2 -Full
Brian Bianchi	D1	D1- Full
Frank Briggs	T1	T1 -OIT
Frank Briggs	VSS	VSS OIT
Adam Finkelstein	D2	D2 - Full
Timothy Glasson	T1	T1 -OIT
Bradley Harrington	D3	Additional Info/ D1 & D2 Exam scores
William E. Kelley	T2	T2- Full
Jeffrey A Neece	D3	D3-OIT/ Need clarification of administrative Duties
Daniel Niewinski	T1	T1- Full
Robert Oliva	D3	Need Additional Experience
Michael O'Connell	D2	D2-Full
Brian Pkkinen	D1	D1-Full
Kevin Sopez	T1	Additional Info/ position description & letter from employer
Dean Strom	T3	T3- Full
Up-Grades	Applied	
Christopher Connolly	T2	T2- Full
George Downer	D2	D2 - Full
Jamie Flamand	T1	Need verification of years of service & hours
Christopher Hudson	D1	D1-Full
Eric Hannus	D3	Need 3 months exp. w/ D2
Brian Leeman	D1	D1-Full
Timothy Legrow	T4	T4-Ful
Tegan McCartney	T1	T1-Full
Tegan McCartney	D2	D2-Full
Richard O'Neill	D2	D2-Full
Michael Reghitto	T4	T4- Full
Daniel Snell	D1	Additional Info needed

Reciprocity		
Rodney Redman	T1	T1- Full
Re-View		
Gary Giangregorio	D1	D1-Full
Brooke Cotta	D4	Need Follow-up – Review Previous license
Michael Ciallella	D2	D2-Full
Frank Briggs	T1	T1 -OIT
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At 12:05, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Member Coppes and 2nd by Member Lukis: Board Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael J. Maynard

Michael J. Maynard, Chairman
Board of Drinking Water & Supply Facility Operators

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